

REFERENCE TITLE: union high schools; technical correction

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Introduced by
Representative Lujan

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-444, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 15-444, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-444. Formation of union high school district; petition for
5 establishment; election; notice

6 A. Two or more adjoining school districts jointly having a student
7 count of not less than two hundred pupils and an assessed valuation of not
8 less than two million dollars may unite and form a union high school
9 district. No union high school district may be formed of territory already
10 embodied in a union high school district unless the remaining territory of
11 the original union high school district is contiguous and has an assessed
12 valuation of not less than five million dollars.

13 B. If a majority of the governing boards of each of two or more
14 adjoining school districts unites in a petition to the county school
15 superintendent for establishment of a union high school district, or if ten
16 per cent of **THE RESIDENTS OF** each of two or more adjoining school districts
17 unite in a petition for establishment of a union high school district, the
18 county school superintendent shall call an election to be held at the next
19 regular election of the governing board, if within ninety days after receipt
20 of the petition, to determine the question, or a special election called for
21 that purpose within sixty days.

22 C. Public notices of the election, not less than three in each school
23 district comprising the proposed union high school district, shall be posted,
24 one to be upon the door of the schoolhouse in each district, at least ten
25 days before the election.

26 D. The election shall be conducted as nearly as practicable in the
27 manner prescribed in section 15-459. The ballots shall contain the words
28 "union high school district, yes" and "union high school district, no", and
29 the voter shall signify his desired choice.

30 E. If a majority of the persons voting within each school district
31 comprising the proposed union high school district votes in favor of
32 establishment of a union high school district, the union high school district
33 shall become effective as provided in section 15-459, subsection G.

34 F. If a union high school district is established from a unified
35 school district as provided in this section, a common school district is
36 established with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the former
37 unified school district.